

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 05-10088-MBB

JULIANNE MARIE EVANS  
Plaintiff,

VS.

NANTUCKET COMMUNITY SAILING, INC.,  
RONAN O'SIOCHRU and DONNCHA KIELY  
Defendants

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE PLAINTIFF FROM  
INTRODUCING INTO EVIDENCE ANY FINDINGS, EXAMINATION RESULTS  
AND OPINIONS OF NORMAN MANN, M.D. CONCERNING THE PLAINTIFF'S  
EXAMINATION AND TESTING AT THE UCONN TASTE AND SMELL CLINIC**

Now come the defendants, Nantucket Community Sailing, Inc., Ronan O'Siochru, and Donncha Kiely, in the above captioned action, by and through their undersigned counsel, and respectfully move this Honorable Court *in Limine* to preclude the plaintiff from introducing any evidence in the form of findings, examination results and opinions of Norman Mann, M.D. concerning the plaintiff's examination and testing at the UCONN Taste and Smell Clinic.

As grounds in support of their motion, the defendants submit the following for the Court's consideration.

**BACKGROUND**

This is a maritime cause of action for personal injuries brought by Julianne Marie Evans. The plaintiff maintains that on July 5, 2002, she was aboard a sailboat owned by Nantucket Community Sailing, Inc. and piloted by the co-

defendant Ronan O'Siochru, when she was struck by the boom from a second sailboat, also owned by Nantucket Community Sailing, Inc., but piloted by the co-defendant Donncha Kiely. The plaintiff alleges that as a result of being struck by the sailboat boom she sustained a loss of taste and smell.

Prior to the filing of the Complaint, the defendants engaged Dr. Mann as a defense expert and his colleagues to examine the plaintiff at the UCONN Taste and Smell Clinic from October 27, 2004 through October 29, 2004. The defendants paid for all of the testing and services at the UCONN Taste and Smell Clinic, including reimbursing the plaintiff for incurred out of pocket and travel expenses. At the conclusion of the examination, Dr. Mann authored for defense counsel three [3] reports concerning the examinations. The reports disclosed his opinions concerning the plaintiff's medical complaints and condition. Copies of Dr. Mann's reports were subsequently provided to the plaintiff's counsel on April 1, 2005.

#### **ARGUMENT**

This civil action was commenced on January 13, 2005 with issues joining on February 2, 2005. On December 28, 2005, a Notice of Video Deposition of Dr. Mann to be conducted at his rental home in Boca Raton, Florida on Saturday, January 21, 2006 was received from plaintiff's predecessor counsel without any consultation with defense counsel. The

deposition's location was beyond the jurisdictional venue of this Court and conflicted with defense counsel's preparation for trial in another matter, which was scheduled to commence on Monday, January 23, 2006. Accordingly, defense counsel filed a Motion for a Protective Order, which was heard by the Court on January 17, 2006, and subsequently granted.

During a hearing on the Motion for a Protective Order, it was brought to the Court's attention that plaintiff's predecessor counsel contacted Dr. Mann in Florida without the knowledge or consent of defense counsel. Subsequently, the defendants filed a Motion to Disqualify Norman Mann, M.D. As An Expert Witness and Request for Sanctions. Within their Motion to Disqualify Dr. Mann, the defendants sought an Order that disqualified Dr. Mann as an expert witness, precluded him from testifying at trial, and precluded the introduction into evidence of any of his findings, examination results, and opinions concerning the plaintiff's examination and testing at the UCONN Taste and Smell Clinic.

On March 16, 2006, this Honorable Court granted defendants' Motion to Disqualify Norman Mann, M.D. As An Expert Witness and Request for Sanctions. *See **Exhibit 'A'** attached hereto.* On May 9, 2006, plaintiff's present counsel filed Plaintiff's Motion to Clarify Order of March 16, 2006 To Establish That Defendants' Costs Must Be Paid By

Plaintiff's Prior Counsel. Within plaintiff's Motion to Clarify, plaintiff's counsel acknowledged that this Honorable Court granted defendants' Motion to Disqualify Norman Mann, M.D. as an expert witness and request for sanctions, but only requested clarification of whether the plaintiff (personally) or her predecessor counsel was required to pay sanctions to the defendants. Accordingly, any evidence of Dr. Mann's findings, examination results, and opinions should be properly excluded from evidence at trial.

**WHEREFORE**, the defendants pray that this Honorable Court grant this Motion *In Limine* and preclude the plaintiff from introducing evidence at trial of any findings, examination results and opinions of Norman Mann, M.D. concerning the plaintiff's examination and testing at the UCONN Taste and Smell Clinic.

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Respectfully submitted  
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# **EXHIBIT A**

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